Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: That depends upon the minimum requirements of the cultivators, *viz.*, for consumption, for agricultural labour and seeds.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know whether kole land paddy is also sold at the rate of Rs. 1—6—0 per para.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether out of 8,05,000 paras of paddy, how many are the owners of it.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Are they not having one lakh of para individually?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: I want notice.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Are these seed grains left with the owners themselves?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: It is left with the persons from whom we purchase. The cultivators themselves keep it.

MEASURING OF PADDY AND RICE—TRICKS REGARDING

201. Mrs. K. Joshua *(Women-Trichur)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) are the Government aware of the clever tricks and malpractices adopted in connection with the measuring out of rice and paddy, etc.;

(*b*) whether any specific complaints have been received and what action taken?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

(*a*) Government are aware of the possibility of tricks and malpractices being resorted to in measuring out rice and paddy.

(*b*) Complaints in regard to measurements have been received in some cases. They were enquired into and wherever action was called for it has been taken.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: "പാഡി പർച്ചേസിങ്ങ് ആഫീസർ" പാട്ടം, മില്ല വാരം വകയിൽ അളന്നെടുത്ത നെല്ല് ജന്മിയുടെ അടുക്കൽ കൊണ്ടുചെന്നപ്പോൾ പാരാ തെവന്നവനും, നായരമ്പലം, എടവനക്കാട് എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിൽനിന്നും വല്ല ഹർജ്ജികളും കിട്ടീട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: I want notice.

FOOD GRAINS—DISTRIBUTION OF—LICENSED SHOPS

202. Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) has the Government arranged to distribute food grains to the licensed shop keepers of Northern part of Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk;

(*b*) where the Central Depot is situated for those parts;

(*c*) is that depot working satisfactorily;

(*d*) if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to establish a depot of the same type for the southern part of Cochin?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There are two depots one at Narakkal and the other at Chowwara.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) There does not seem to be any scope for opening a sub-depot for this area alone as the number of retail shops here are not many.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri)*: May I know, Sir, what the number of retail shops in the Southern part of Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk is?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: In Mattancheri 51, Palluruthi 49, Narakkal 55, Pallippuram 45, Ernakulam 35, Trippunittura 24, Mulanthuruthy 22, Ernakulam Rural South 25, Ernakulam North 33, Chowwara 9.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know whether the Government do not feel the necessity of having a sub-depot at Pallippuram or Chennamangalam.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: We have got one at Narakkal. That is sufficient for Pallippuram.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: For Chennamangalam?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: For Chennamangalam we can issue from Cranganur.

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